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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA

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1. DIRECTOR PROTOCOL LOPES TEMBE INFORMED ME THIS MORNING THAT I SHALL PRESENT MY CREDENTIALS TOMORROW APRIL 16 AT 0845 HOURS. FOUR OTHER AMBASSADORS WILL ALSO PRESENT THEIR CREDENTIALS TOMORROW, ANOTHER FIVE ON APRIL 17 BECAUSE OF NUMBERS, TEMBE SAID PRESIDENT MACHEL WILL BE ABLE SPEND ONLY 10 MINUTES WITH EACH AMBASSADOR.

2. ALTHOUGH MY MEETING WITH MACHEL WILL BE BRIEF, THERE IS A CHANCE HE MAY QUERY ME ABOUT SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA. HE UNDOUBTEDLY IS IN COMMUNICATION WITH BOTH NYERERE AND KAUNDA REGARDING THE VISIT. HE IS ALSO LIKELY BE CURIOUS ABOUT STATE-MENT REPORTED SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO APRIL 15 THAT DURING TRIP SECRETARY WILL BE MEETING WITH ZIMBABWEAN LIBERATION LEADERS AS WELL AS SOUTHERN AFRICAN LEADERS.

3. SINCE AMBASSADOR SPAIN IS NOT LIKELY BE ABLE GET TO NYERERE UNTIL SOME TIME FRIDAY, APRIL 16, IT ALSO CERTAIN NYERERE WILL NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SOUND OUT MACHEL RE MEETING WITH FOUR PRESIDENTS BY TIME I MEET WITH MACHEL. HOWEVER, I WOULDTHINK
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WHETHER NYERE WILL QUICKLY APRISE MACHEL OF OUR APPROACH TO HIM
WHETHER NYERERE ISRECEPTIVE TO OUR PROPOSAL OR NOT.

4. IN VIEW FACT MACHEL IS LIKELY LEARN IN NEXT DAY OR TWO
ABOUT SECRETARY'S EFFORTS MEET WITH HIM IN DAR, I BELIEVE I
SHOULD AT MINIMUM, IN MY MEETING WITH MACHEL, ALUDE TO FACT
THAT SECRETARY MAY BE SEEKING FIND SOME WAY MEET WITH HIM
DURING SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA, I BELIEVE I CAN DO THIS
WITHOUT DISCLOSING MODALITIES OF OUR APPROACH.

5. I RECOMMEND THAT I BE INSTRUCTED TO SAY THE FOLLOWING;

A. THAT I KNOW FROM MY WORK IN DEPARTMENT THAT THE SECRETARY IS
VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH HIM.

B. THAT SECRETARY WOULD HAVE LIKE TO HAVE VISITED MOZAMBIQUE
ON THIS TRIP, BUT SECRETARY'S TIME SIMPLE DOES NOT PERMIT.
C. THAT BECAUSE OF SECRETARY'S DESIRE EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH KEY
AFRICAN LEADERS ON RHODESIAN ISSUE, I UNDERSTAND SECRETARY IS
STILL EXPLORING WHETHER THERE MAY NOT BE SOME WAY TO ARRANGE
MEETING WITH MACHEL, EVEN THOUGH SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IS VERY
TIGHT.

6. MY OPTIONS APPEAR TO BE THREE:

A. NOT TO RAISE MATTER.
B. IF MACHEL QUERIES ME ON VISIT, TO RESPOND WITH PARA 5A/B/C
OR JUST PARTS 5 /A/B OR MERELY 5A WITH ADDITIONAL COMMENT THAT
SECRETARY HOPES HAVE OPPORTUNITY SOON TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT.
C. TO VOLUNTEER PARA 5 INFORMATION (MY RECOMMENDATION).

7 ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED ADVISE EMBASSY
NIACT IMMEDIATE WHICH OF PARA 6 OPTIONS IT WISHES ME PURSUE.
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